



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/233,073	01/19/1999	KENICHI NANBU	033082W001	8021

7590

01/04/2002

SMITH GAMBRELL & RUSSELL  
BEVERIDGE DEGRANDI WEILACHER & YOUNG  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP  
1850 M STREET N W SUITE 800  
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

EXAMINER

VINH, LAN

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

1765

DATE MAILED: 01/04/2002

23

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

SL

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER
----------

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

24

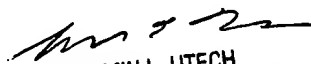
DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Application No: 09/233073  
Art Unit: 1765

The Reply Brief filed on 12/21/2001 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

  
BENJAMIN L. UTECH  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700

LV  
January 3, 2001